



The Immunization Bulletin

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM RECOGNIZED FOR IMPROVING INFANT IMMUNIZATION RATES

The National Immunization Survey (NIS) for 2007 indicates that completion rates for the basic infant immunization series, “4:3:1:3:3:1” are climbing again. According to the NIS survey, Delaware’s completion rate in 2007 is 81.8 percent- an increase from 80.3 in 2006.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognized Delaware’s Immunization program at the recently held National Immunization conference in Atlanta for being the fourth most improved state from 2003-2006.

The rate of infant immunization over that period increased by 21.4 percent. The rate of 80.3 percent in 2006 was above the national target rate of 80 percent and much higher than the then recorded national rate of 77.1 percent.

The improvement is the result of continuing collaboration between parents, health providers and other stakeholders through outreach, education and advertising.

The award was presented during the opening plenary conference session and received by Claudia Allis, program manager. Kudos to **ALL YOU** dedicated health care providers that care for Delaware’s children.

*Remember to
report all
immunizations
to the Delaware
Immunization
Program-
ITS THE LAW!*

*Questions?
Call
1-800-
272-8672.*

THE USE OF HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE TYPE B (HIB) CONJUGATE VACCINES IN CHILDREN

As a result of a temporary shortage in available doses of Hib-containing vaccines, health care providers are requested to defer administering the routine Hib vaccine booster recommended at 12-15 months of age. This recommendation does not affect children with high risk conditions such as:

- Asplenia
- Sickle Cell disease
- HIV Infections
- Other Immunodeficiency syndromes
- Malignant neoplasms

Providers are encouraged to register and track children who have had to defer these shots, to ensure easy recall when supplies improve.

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COMING SOON!
ADOLESCENT HUMAN
PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV)
HEALTH INITIATIVE

The Delaware Division of Public (DPH) Health’s Immunization Program is pleased to announce the beginning of a coordinated campaign to increase public awareness and encourage dialogue between the parents/guardians of adolescents and their primary healthcare providers in an effort to increase

the number of adolescents receiving HPV vaccines.

The vaccine is an important tool in the elimination of cervical cancer in our lifetime. The campaign will include television, radio, outdoor and print advertising. Community partners will be working with DPH to promote the initiative and offer additional information on the vaccine and screening for cervical cancer. For more information on this, contact the Immunization Program at 1-800-272-8672.

IMMUNIZATION TIP:

Travel histories should be obtained and a diagnosis of measles should be considered by physicians when evaluating patients who have febrile rash illness within three weeks of traveling abroad.

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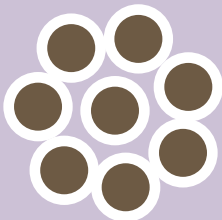


PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF:

- Claudia Allis, RN, Program Manager
- Wanda Atkinson, Administrative Assistant, Vaccines for Children Program
- Brandi Grosch, Administrative Assistant.

JOIN US TO BID FAREWELL TO:

- Dr. Martin Luta - now the chief of the Communicable Disease Bureau.



NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK
APRIL 19-26- Vaccination: an act of love

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities.

This year, Delaware’s Immunization program partnered with daycare centers, doctor’s offices, recreational and community centers to encourage parents and healthcare providers to ensure that all children are fully immunized by age two.